

Milford Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes June 12, 2014

7:00 BOS Meeting Room

Present: Members: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Seale, Becky Lorette, Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart, Kim Rimalover. Excused – Andy Hughes.

Alternate Members: Rodney Dellafelice, Chris Costantino. **Guests:** Dan Reed, New England Forestry Consultants; Eric Radloff, prospective new member; Suzanne Fournier and Tom Gardner, Brox Environmental Citizens

Approval of May meeting minutes – minutes were unanimously accepted on a motion by BLorette, seconded by JUrquhart

Non-Public Session – personnel RSA 91-A:3.II.c. ASeale offered a motion, seconded by RDellafelice, to move into non-public session. AFraizer polled the members who unanimously approved the motion. At 7:40, the Commission came out of non-public session. The members voted to keep the minutes sealed.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 th Saturday hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tucker Brook Orienteering on May 24. There were 3 people and a dog. Thanks to Charlotte and Bill Gray for leading the group. June 28 – Rail Trail starting in Milford. AFraizer and CCostantino will have cars at the Brookline/Bartell parking area to shuttle hikers back to Milford. 	
2. Greg Boggis	On a motion by BLorette, seconded by KRimalover, the members unanimously recommended that the BOS appoint Greg Boggis to the Conservation Commission as an alternate. His term will expire 2016; keeping the rotation evenly distributed.	CC will write a memo to the BOS
3. Tucker Brook TF timber harvest	Dan Reed from New England Forestry Consultants came in to answer any questions concerning the bids. DReed will try to have a public tour of the harvest operation. AFraizer suggested that the Commission write a letter to the abutters to update them on the status of the timber harvest. On a motion by ASeale, seconded by KRimalover, the members unanimously accepted the Chappell Farms bid of \$30,763.71 for 130MBF. DReed will send a contract for the Commission to sign in mid-August.	CC will draft a letter for member approval
4. Armory Rd RFP	AHughes, BLorette, AFraizer, CCostantino met with engineers John Byatt and Jaime French from CLD Engineers at the Armory Rd crossing of the rail trail on June 5. Rick Riendeau, DPW Director, attended. The deadline to submit a proposal has been extended to June 28. One solution in the brainstorming session was offered by Rick Riendeau. He suggested raising the road level a bit and put a tunnel under Armory Rd.	
5. Trail Booklet/Trail Map	AFraizer has a trail map of the New York side of Lake Champlain, which she thought would be a good thing for us to use for our trails. Seems like a case of great minds thinking alike. Guy Scaife, Town Administrator, is working on a similar project with walking trails. NRPC is also working on the same idea.	AFraizer will send a copy of the map to the members and contact Guy Scaife

6. Colburn Easement	The easement was reviewed and the following comments: #3 – does commercial in this bullet restrict timber harvesting? #13 – forbidding snowmobiles. Send suggested verbiage to Planning	CC will send comments to Jodie Levandowski, town planner
7. Natural Resource Inventory at Brox	Identifying our natural resources is part of our responsibility by state statute. But the required level of detail is vague. The NRI will be a good working document that will need updating as conditions change. It will identify areas in town to focus conservation efforts. The Commission decided it would be beneficial to have a presentation about NRIs before drafting an RFP. Part of the RFP will be a price quote for Brox and for the entire town.	RDellafelice will contact Phil Auger as a potential presenter about the NRI and process.
8. Trails Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Erdody, trail manager for Mile Slip, prepared a proposal to install 2 gates at Mile Slip to block 4W drive vehicles from entering the trail system. He will continue to pursue funding sources from the local snowmobile clubs. The Commission accepts his proposal. Eric Radloff, who wrote the management plan for Mile Slip is concerned that the vehicles will just go over the stone walls. Rotch – Brian Hawkins, trail manager for Rotch submitted a plan for a trail on the newest addition to the Rotch TF. The members went on site visits in two separate groups. Their comments were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the old clearing as a clearing. UNH Thompson School may have suggestions of fire management. CCostantino contacted the Milford Fire Department to see if it would like to have a brush fire training at the site. No response. Do not create a formal parking area where BHawkins suggested, which is on the old woods road near the pond. Rather, allow parking where the driveway was going to be installed. The trail around the Meditation Spot is not recommended by the Commission. it goes rather close to the water, which has been a problem in other parts of the town forest. Clearly mark the trail from the clearing to the meditation spot The Commission doesn't like the idea of a Frisbee golf course at this site. 	CC will update SErdody
9. Future work session – June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 26 7-9pm - Conservation Plan Wetland Overlay District - AFraizer and GBoggis worked on this at the May worksession. The notes need to be located. Mission Review subcommittee – June 24 at 8:00am. KRimalover, AFraizer, AHughes, CCostantino will attend. Others are welcome 	
10. Upcoming Outreach/Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 10-12 Pumpkin Festival October 18 SV Chamber of Commerce Expo October 24-26 Ghost Train Rail Trail Race 	

Public Comments:

Suzanne Fournier presented 3 requests for items to be placed on the July Commission agenda. The commission had discussion about what would be on the agenda:

1. Target shooting and Trash site at Brox – will not be on the agenda.
2. Gravel Pit and DPW activity – on the agenda
3. Forested hills and removal of gravel – not on the agenda

Next Regular Meeting – July 10, 2014 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.